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Inventor(s): Nagasawa et al Attorney Docket No.: 4001-0001C

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

- 1. Transmittal Letter to the USPTO:
- 2. Notification of Change In Small Entity Status; and
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